

Baumert House  
Nauvoo, Illinois

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
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SOURCE

Verbal                      Nauvoo is one of the historical places  
Testimony      of the middle west. It was here that the  
of Mr. and      Mormons were located for eight years, 1839 to  
Miss              1846. Immediately upon incorporating the  
Baumert          town the Mormons began the work of building  
a wonderful city, till its population reached  
28000 souls. Upon their removal to Utah in  
1846 most of the records and titles of prop-  
erty were lost or destroyed and it is for  
this reason that it is seldom possible to  
find who designed, constructed or originally  
owned any particular piece of property.

This is true of the Baumert House, which  
from verbal testimony, we are told was built  
about 1840 by a Mormon, name unknown. It  
is said that the man, Agnew by name, who set  
fire to the temple, lived in this house at the  
time he committed the act. Whether or not he  
owned the house at the time or was the origi-  
nal owner was impossible to discover. How-  
ever title to this property has been in the  
Baumert family for some seventy years. The  
original portion of the house has an unusually  
heavy foundation wall of stone 2' 0" thick  
to a point even with the grade and 1' 0" thick  
from there to the first floor level. The  
balance of the exterior walls, with exception  
of addition, are of native sand-mold brick  
of an original salmon coloring, but at present  
painted a muddy brown color.

It appears evident from masonry founda-  
tions found on the east wall near the front of  
the building, that originally the front porch  
extended across the full front of the building,  
entered from the west. The south bed room was  
added about 1865 while the rear or north bed  
room was erected in 1895. The house stands at  
Mulhollen Ave. and 15th St.

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